IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2006, for which the three-month date for response is December 12, 2006.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the present paper. However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2108.003700.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.